ORDINANCE NO: 55

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OR USE OF FIREWORKS

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, pursuant to §167 Wisconsin Statutes does ordain as follows with regard to its Town Ordinances:

55.1 Permitted Fireworks

- A. Private Individuals or Organizations: Only those fireworks allowed in Chapter 167, Wisconsin Statues may be sold, possessed, or used in the Town of Grand Rapids by private individuals or organizations. Any such device that contains more than ¼ grain of explosive powder, that emits a report discharges a flame, or leaves the ground, is not permitted to be sold, possessed or used in the Town of Grand Rapids.
- B. No government unit, or agent of a governmental unit, may sell, possess, or use any fireworks except those allowed in Chapter 167.10, Wisconsin Statutes. Any such device that contains more than ¼ grain of explosive powder, which emits a report, discharges a flame, or leaves the ground, is not permitted.
- C. Town of Grand Rapids Public Display: The Town Chairman or designated party may authorize the possession and use of fireworks and pyrotechnic devices that may otherwise be prohibited, for official public displays with recommendation for the Grand Rapids Fire Chief.

55.2 Time of Sale and Use

- A. No fireworks of any kind shall be placed on display or sold in the Town of Grand Rapids by any person(s), firm, or corporation of any kind, at any time, except from June 1 to July 7 inclusive, each year.
- B. Public Display: The Town Chairman or designated party may authorize by permitting a public display of such other fireworks as outlined on permit, when such public display does not conflict with other laws or ordinances in force. Such public displays shall be organized, set up, and ignited by properly qualified personnel.

55.3 Penalty:

A. Any person(s), firm or corporation who has in their possession or is convicted using illegal fireworks in the Town of Grand Rapids shall, upon conviction, be subject to a forfeiture per Ordinance 39 "Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures" together with the costs of prosecution.

B. Any person(s), firm or corporation who is convicted of selling illegal fireworks in the Town of Grand Rapids shall be subject to a forfeiture per Ordinance 39 "Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures" together with the costs of prosecution.

55.4 Statutory Provisions

The statutory Provisions describing and defining "firearms" and "fireworks" of the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this Ordinance, Article I and Article II, as if fully set forth herein.

941.23 - Concealed, carrying

175.35 - Handguns, waiting period for purchase

167.30 – Use near parks

968.20 - Return of property seized

941.20 - Discharging onto vehicle or building

941.22 - Minor not carry pistol

29.224 - Transportation & safe use

167.10 – Regulation of Fireworks

This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.

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